

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure 2 is being presented as a new formal drawing sheet to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. The drawing Figure 2 has been amended. Appended to this amendment is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheet which has been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheet of the drawing.

The specific changes to Figure 2 is to delete labels "4a" and "4b" from that figure.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15 and 16 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-16 remain pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-3, 7-9 and 14 are allowed, as well as the indication that claims 4-6, 10-12, 15 and 16 would be allowed if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of those claims. Based on the amendments made to claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15 and 16, it is believed that claims 4-6, 10-12, 15 and 16 are now fully compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and therefore are now in allowable form.

Objection to Title:

In the Office Action, the title was objected to because it was not sufficiently descriptive. By way of this amendment and reply, a more descriptive title is being submitted.

Objection to Disclosure:

In the Office Action, the disclosure (specification) was objected to because of informalities noted on page 2 of the Office Action. By way of this amendment and reply, the specification has been amended to correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. Please note that Figure 2 has been amended to remove the reference numerals 4a and 4b (which are not identified in the specification).

Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims 4-6, 10-12, 15 and 16:

In the Office Action, claims 4-6, 10-12, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. Due to the amendments made to claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15 and 16 so that they now depend on the proper claim (as noted in the Office Action), this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGE(S)

Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING APPARATUS
HAVING CONTROL SECTIONS FOR PERMITTING USE OF DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS
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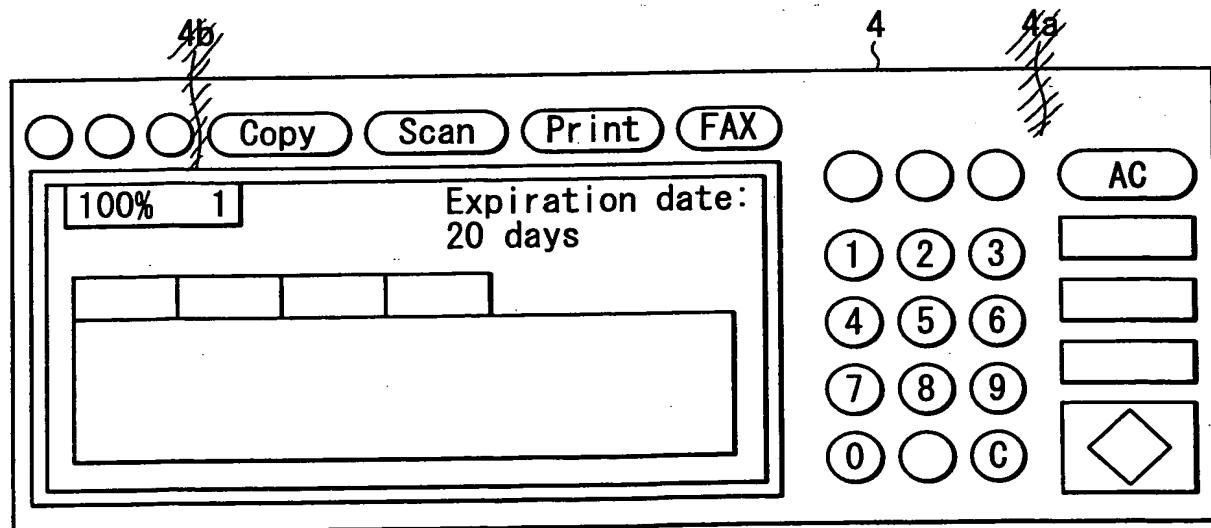
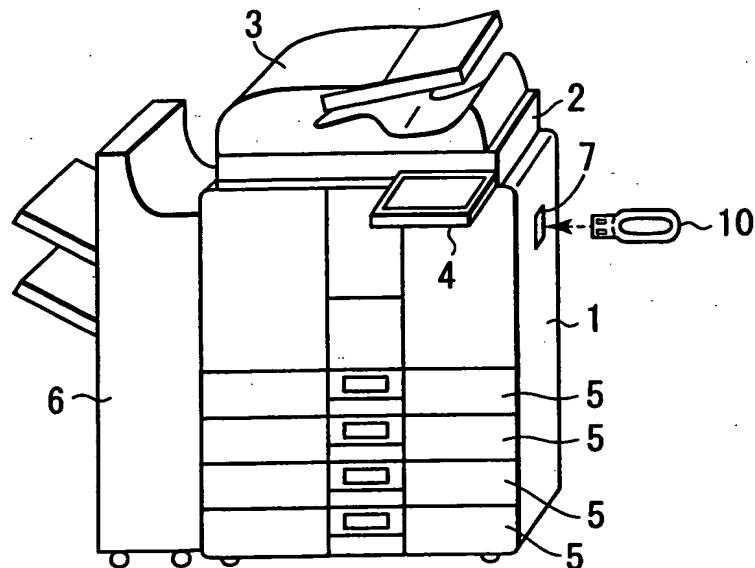


FIG. 2

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